June 2, 1914.

Doctor John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have just received your letter of May 28th and also your letter of June 1st, the latter with reference to rooms at the Addison. I have talked with Mr. Higgins again, and he has promised me faithfully that he would have accommodations for you and that he would write you just what he could do. We can see him Friday while you are here if necessary.

As to the program, I will make the correction as to the Otter Creek valley. I am not quite sure whether you think it would be wise under the circumstances to invite Doctor Boardman to offer the prayer. I think it quite probable that he would decline, but I will follow your judgment in the matter. I feel that this is an important part of the exercises and we want to make no mistake. Personally I would prefer a graduate of Middlebury, if we could find the right man. We can also discuss this subject on Friday.

It would certainly be an interesting feature to have you take the first piece of sod and place it later in Evergreen Cemetery in Rutland and I can see no objection to doing this.

Professor Wright returned last evening and is greatly pleased with the chapel. I have talked with him at length on what we have done thus far and secured his consent to serve as a member of the advisory committee and to meet with us Friday morning. He will also take the part assigned him on the 23rd and I am sure will speak with deep feeling and most hearty appreciation of what the chapel will mean to those who are working for Middlebury College.

I am very glad you could help Doctor Boardman and Doctor Walker. I am sure they both deserve the deep gratitude and affectionate interest of all friends of Middlebury. Perhaps you know that a few years ago Doctor and Mrs. Boardman gave the college outright $30,000 in securities and cash, taking therefor the bond of the college to pay them or the survivor of them $1500 a year for life. Of course this amount is now paid regularly to Doctor Boardman. On his death the agreement provides that a professorship be established bearing their joint names. If there is anything further in Mrs. Boardman's will with reference to Middlebury, it must be in addition to this generous gift already made.

I am glad you are interesting Mr. Wilbur. I have had him on my mailing list for some time, but between now and commencement will try to drop him one or two items with reference to the college which he may not have seen or possibly has forgotten.

Faithfully yours,